

PUBLIC HEARING
SEWER ASSESSMENT ROLL – 1999
WED., SEPTEMBER 2, 1998; 7:30 P.M.
NEW WINDSOR TOWN HALL
NEW WINDSOR, NEW YORK

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Supervisor Meyers, Councilman Finnegan,
Councilwoman Mullarkey, Councilwoman
Townsend, Councilman Green

OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT: Police Chief Koury, Comptroller Reis, Highway
Superintendent Pullar, Sole Assessor Cook

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Supervisor Meyers called to order the Public Hearing regarding the Proposed Sewer Assessment Roll for 1999 and presided over same.

The Town Clerk presented proof of publication regarding same, as required by law.

Supervisor Meyers: I would like to welcome everybody tonight to our September Regular Town Board Meeting. We have one Public Hearing that has to do with the proposed 1999 sewer assessment roll. I will just note for the record that Leslie Cook is here with that roll.

Sole Assessor Cook: Yes.

Supervisor Meyers: Our Assessor. Before we open up to the public, I will ask Leslie if there is anything you would like to say.

Sole Assessor Cook: No.

Supervisor Meyers: Town Board Members, with that being settled, I will open it up to the public; anybody want to comment? Mr. Homin.

John Homin, Meriline Avenue: I am speaking in reference to the Temple Hill Property 35-1-104. I would like to ask the Board Members if they received my letter in reference to this meeting, August 8, 1998.

Supervisor Meyers: Yes, I replied to that letter on August 11th and the Board Members were given copies of your letter and my reply.

John Homin: They all have copies?

Supervisor Meyers: I don't know if they have them here, but I will read my reply to you.

John Homin: Pardon me?

Supervisor Meyers: Want me to read my reply to you?

John Homin: You can; yes, for the record.

Supervisor Meyers: "I am writing to you regarding your August 8, 1998 correspondence to the New Windsor Town Board concerning the 1999 Sewer Assessment Roll. The sewer points established in 1981 have no bearing on the 1999 sewer point assessment. The sewer points assigned to the above-reference parcel are 556.00 units. Those number of points have been the same since the 1993 assessment roll (which was used for billing in January 1994). The sewer points are assigned based on Chapter 35, Sewer Point

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System of the New Windsor Town Code. Without an appropriate court order, the Town Board will not accede to your request which contravenes the Sewer Point System of the New Windsor Town Code.” With that being said, do you have any other comment?

John Homin: Yes, this Board faces a legal and moral and living up to a reputation of a Board and helping taxpayers and citizens and so forth. As you know we follow the law back in 1981.

Supervisor Meyers: 1981.

John Homin: 1981, we had a special meeting with the Town Board and a matter of fact, State and Local Law states this; that whenever you think your sewer points and so forth is inadequate and not equal so forth you could have a special meeting with the Board and the Board can take action. In September, the special meeting in 1981 was held with Supervisor Petro, and on October 8, 1981, the Board voted 5-0 approved the reduction of the points. This continued for several years under the Petro administration then it was passed over to the George Green's, administration and was carried forward. Nowhere in the code or the State or Local did it state that we had to renew this every year, this request. As a matter of fact the State law states that the only people who can change the Sewer Assessment is the Town Board. This was changed and I believe admitted by Mrs. Cook, that she made the change and was unaware of this decision made by the Town Board in 1981 on October 8th. Consequently, legal and morally, we request this Board to take action and honor the request dated back to the original date that was carried forward for several years under two other administrations. As a matter of fact, Mr. Meyers, when you took over and that was in 1994 this is when it was changed and reduced. You claim you have nothing to do with it. It was changed on your administration and Mrs. Cook admitted doing it on one of your workshop sessions that she was unaware of this decision in honor of the folks in the Town of New Windsor. Facing this Board is illegal and moral obligation and by the way sewer rents have been collected on this property illegally, for a good many years, so we expect this Board to take action and take back the amount of money that the difference is and accrued interest thereof. This is a serious question of moral and legal obligation, each one of you faces responsibility. Do you honor what was done. By the way, Mrs. Townsend was the Clerk that submitted these minutes and Mr. Reis was present and I believe Mr. Crotty was around at that time. I would appreciate this Board to really take care of us legally and morally and honor their commitments. Thank you.

Supervisor Meyers: Anyone else want to comment on the sewer assessment roll?

Hearing no others wishing to speak, Supervisor Meyers entertained a motion to close the Public Hearing regarding the Proposed 1999 Sewer Assessment Roll.

Motion by Councilman Finnegan, seconded by Councilwoman Mullarkey that the Town Board of the Town of New Windsor close the Public Hearing regarding the PROPOSED 1999 SEWER ASSESSMENT ROLL at 7:34 P.M.

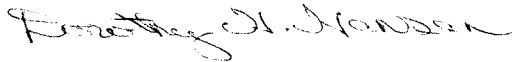
Roll Call: All Ayes

Motion Carried: 5-0

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Motion by Councilwoman Mullarkey, seconded by Councilman Finnegan that the town Board of the Town of New Windsor adopt the Sewer Assessment Roll for the year 1999, and that the Town Clerk be authorized to advertise same as required by law.
Roll Call: All Ayes Motion Carried: 5-0

Respectfully submitted,



DOROTHY H. HANSEN
TOWN CLERK

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